

# Check for Charged Words

## An Author's Perspective Strategy



Many words have both a general meaning— a denotation—and an emotional charge—a connotation. Words can have a positive, negative, or neutral charge.

To determine an author's perspective, look for words with strong connotations that evoke these feelings. Paying careful attention to the author's choice of words can help a reader infer the author's bias.

Examples of Charged Words		
POSITIVE	NEUTRAL	NEGATIVE
concerned	curious	nosy
self-confident	assured	conceited
assertive	forceful	pushy